

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
LARUE COUNTY
SHERIFF**

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2003**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
LARUE COUNTY SHERIFF

For The Year Ended
December 31, 2003

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the LaRue County Sheriff's audit for the year ended December 31, 2003. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Financial Condition:

Excess fees decreased by \$15,555 from the prior year, resulting in excess fees of \$21,697 as of December 31, 2003. Revenues decreased by \$1,117 from the prior year and expenditures increased by \$14,438.

Debt Obligations:

A capital lease agreement totaled \$572 as of December 31, 2003. Future principal and interest payments of \$574 are needed to meet these obligations.

Report Comment:

- The Sheriff Should Require Depository Institutions To Pledge Or Provide Sufficient Collateral To Protect Deposits

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CRIT LUALLEN
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Tommy Turner, LaRue County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Bobby Shoffner, LaRue County Sheriff
Members of the LaRue County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the County Sheriff of LaRue County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2003. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2003, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 23, 2004, on our consideration of the County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.



The Honorable Tommy Turner, County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Bobby Shoffner, LaRue County Sheriff
Members of the LaRue County Fiscal Court

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comment and recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:

- The Sheriff Should Require Depository Institutions To Pledge Or Provide Sufficient Collateral To Protect Deposits

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County Sheriff and Fiscal Court of LaRue County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these interested parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed -
July 23, 2004

LARUE COUNTY
BOBBY SHOFFNER, COUNTY SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2003

Revenues

State Fees For Services:

Finance and Administration Cabinet	\$ 9,592	
Cabinet For Human Resources	4,104	
House Bill 452 Payments	<u>11,761</u>	
		\$ 25,457

Circuit Court Clerk:

Fines and Fees Collected		919
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Fiscal Court		5,240
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County Clerk - Delinquent Taxes		499
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Commission On Taxes Collected		152,185
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Sheriff's Add-On Fees		7,274
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Fees Collected For Services:

Auto Inspections	\$ 5,423	
Accident and Police Reports	719	
Serving Papers	13,920	
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon Permits	2,770	
Transporting Prisoners	<u>6,156</u>	
		28,988

Other:

Miscellaneous		1,389
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Interest Earned		99
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Borrowed Money:

State Advancement	\$ 74,900	
Bank Note	<u>6,508</u>	<u>81,408</u>

Total Revenues		\$ 303,458
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

LARUE COUNTY
BOBBY SHOFFNER, COUNTY SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2003
(Continued)

Operating Expenditures and Capital Outlay:

Personnel Services-		
Deputies' Salaries	\$	91,114
Other Salaries		18,499
Contracted Services-		
Advertising		1,729
Materials and Supplies-		
Office Materials and Supplies		2,568
Uniforms		4,869
Auto Expense-		
Maintenance and Repairs		4,380
Mileage		261
Other Charges-		
Transport Fugitives		1,094
Bond		2,201
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon Permits		1,885
Miscellaneous		3,417
Capital Outlay-		
Vehicles		9,093
Debt Service:		
State Advancement	\$	74,900
Notes		6,560
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Total Expenditures	\$	222,570
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Net Receipts	\$	80,888
Less: Statutory Maximum		59,199
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Excess Fees Due County	\$	21,689
Payment to Fiscal Court - March 19, 2004		21,689
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Balance Due Fiscal Court at Completion of Audit	\$	0
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LARUE COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2003

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of revenues over expenditures to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

KRS 64.820 directs the fiscal court to collect any amount, including excess fees, due from the County Sheriff as determined by the audit. KRS 134.310 requires the County Sheriff to settle excess fees with the fiscal court at the time he files his final settlement with the fiscal court.

The financial statement has been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this regulatory basis of accounting revenues and expenditures are generally recognized when cash is received or disbursed with the exception of accrual of the following items (not all-inclusive) at December 31 that may be included in the excess fees calculation:

- Interest receivable
- Collection on accounts due from others for 2003 services
- Reimbursements for 2003 activities
- Tax commissions due from December tax collections
- Payments due other governmental entities for payroll
- Payments due vendors for goods or services provided in 2003

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the County Treasurer in the subsequent year.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the County Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

LARUE COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2003
(Continued)

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems.

This is a multiple-employer public retirement system that covers all eligible full-time employees. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 6.34 percent for the first six months of the year and 7.34 percent for the last six months of the year. Hazardous covered employees are required to contribute 8.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for hazardous employees was 16.28 percent for the first six months of the year and 18.51 percent for the last six months of the year.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65. Aspects of benefits for hazardous employees include retirement after 20 years of service or age 55.

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record.

Note 3. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. The Sheriff entered into a written agreement with the depository institution and met requirements (a), (b), and (c) stated above. However, as of February 8, 2003, the collateral and FDIC insurance together did not equal or exceed the amount on deposit, leaving \$76,547 of public funds uninsured and unsecured.

LARUE COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2003
(Continued)

Note 3. Deposits (Continued)

The county official's deposits are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the county official as of February 8, 2003.

	<u>Bank Balance</u>
FDIC insured	\$ 100,000
Uncollateralized and uninsured	<u>76,547</u>
Total	<u>\$ 176,547</u>

Note 4. Lease

The LaRue County Fiscal Court was committed to a lease agreement with the Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust for vehicles for the Sheriff's department. The office of the County Sheriff was to make the monthly payments from its revenues. The agreement requires a monthly payment of various amounts for 50 months to be completed on January 20, 2004. The total balance of the agreement was \$574 as of December 31, 2003.

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COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

LARUE COUNTY
BOBBY SHOFFNER, COUNTY SHERIFF
COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

For The Year Ended December 31, 2003

The Sheriff Should Require Depository Institutions To Pledge Or Provide Sufficient Collateral To
Protect Deposits

On February 8, 2003, \$76,547 of the Sheriff's deposits of public funds in depository institutions were uninsured and unsecured. According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. We recommend that the Sheriff require the depository institution to pledge or provide collateral in an amount sufficient to secure deposits of public funds at all times.

Sheriff's Response:

None.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the LaRue County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated July 23, 2004. This was a special report on the County Sheriff's financial statement prepared in accordance with a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the LaRue County Sheriff's financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2003, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards and which is described in the accompanying comment and recommendation.

- The Sheriff Should Require Depository Institutions To Pledge Or Provide Sufficient Collateral To Protect Deposits

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the LaRue County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses.



Report on Compliance And On Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards
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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Continued)

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

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July 23, 2004

